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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 27, 2002, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1, 35 and 38 as follows. A marked-up copy of the amended claims is enclosed herewith.

1. (Three Times Amended) A non-sustained release, non-chewable tablet composition which comprises a rapidly precipitating drug, and only a rapidly precipitating drug as the active pharmaceutical ingredient, in an amount from about 5 to 60% and at least one member selected from the group consisting of a binder in an amount of from about 2 to about 25% and a superdisintegrant in an amount from about 6 to about 40%; (a) wherein the rapidly precipitating drug is a fairly soluble or highly soluble salt form of a poorly soluble free base or free acid or an anhydrous form of a poorly soluble free base or free acid that is prone to supersaturation when introduced in water, or simulated physiological fluids at body temperature, begins to dissolve fairly rapidly and then begins to rapidly precipitate out of solution and (b) wherein more

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